[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Preauthorization and Request for Payment of Bowel and Bladder Services

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Janel Keyes, Office of Regulations, Appeals, and Policy (10BRAP), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to Janel.Keyes@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Authority: Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521.

<u>Title</u>: Preauthorization and Request for Payment of Bowel and Bladder Services, VA Forms 10-314a, 10-314b.

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Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: Legal authority for this information collection is found in 38 U.S.C., Chapter 17, for Veterans seeking health care services. Data collected may be used to establish, determine, and monitor eligibility to receive VA benefits and for authorizing and paying Non-VA healthcare services furnished to Veterans and beneficiaries. VA Form 10-314a will be used by physicians to request preauthorization of bowel and bladder services and certify that caregivers have been properly trained and meet all requirements for safely rendering care to Veterans. VA Form 10-314b is required for caregivers to

receive reimbursement for bowel and bladder care services. The form is used to list the dates and times the care was rendered to the Veteran and is then submitted monthly to VA to request payment for those services.

**Total Annual Number of Responses = 44,200**.

**Total Annual Time Burden =** 7,367 hours.

VA Form 10-314a:

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 567 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,400.

**VA Form 10-314b:** 

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 6,800 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: 12 times per year.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,400.

By direction of the Secretary.

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